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March 31, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
House Appropriations Committee
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20015

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
H-405, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for **C.P. Crane Plant Property** in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is **Baltimore County Government**, located at 400 Washington Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204.

Converting the site of a demolished power plant into a 153-acre park provides a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to turn a source of pollution into protected green space that will support the recovery of the Chesapeake Bay, grow Baltimore County's tree canopy, and provide the residents of eastern Baltimore County with a waterfront park. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, more and more residents spent time outdoors, as they hiked our trails and enjoyed our parks. This trend has continued, with a growing number of residents enjoying our parks each year. Adding a third park along the Gunpowder River, will provide the opportunity to develop trails, educational programming, water access, and linked activities between parks. This would also bolster Baltimore County's standing as a leader on land preservation.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent under one or more of the following criteria of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program: 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), 5305(a)(5).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



C.A. Dutch Ruppersberger
Member of Congress

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